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King County Board for Developmental Disabilities MINUTES

Day/Date: Wednesday, December 7, 2005
Time: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Location: Region 4, Large Conference Room
1700 East Cherry Street
Seattle, WA 98122

Board:

Tom Bellamy
Kevin Bernadt
Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox
Ted Daniels
Leo Finnegan
Don Luby
John Nesbitt

Excused:

Heather Avery
Bobbi Christensen-Miens
Kevin Henderson
Marie Koole
Steven Thompson

Staff:

Pam Blanton, KCDDD
Beth Boram, KCHCD
Jane Campbell, KCDDD
Michaelle Monday, KCDDD
Jan Blackburn, DSHS/DDD/Region 4
Ray Takeuchi, DSHS/DDD/Region 4

Guests*:

Jeannette Vinson
Kathy Sellars, LifeSPAN
Bill Sellars, The Arc of King County
Erin Treiber, WISE/ENSO
Carrie Masten, Work Opportunities
Margaret-Lee Thompson, KCPC
Timothy Wolfe, The Arc of King County
Lisa Turner, LTA, Inc.
Cesilee Coulson, WISE
Janet Catlett, WISE
Bonnie Shultz, Momentum
Joanne Whitehead, The Arc
Richard Wilson, The Arc of King County
Emily Rogers, The Arc of King County
Sara McIlvaine, PSP

*Listed above are individuals who signed the roster

Introductions and Chair's Comments

The regular monthly meeting of the King County Board for Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by the Chair, Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox, on Wednesday, December 7, 2005, at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

Approval of Minutes

12070501 Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox called for a motion to approve the November 2005 Minutes. Tom Bellamy motioned, Don Luby seconded and the November Minutes were approved as written.

Election of Officers

The Nominees for officers of the Board were announced. Board members will vote via email and it was agreed that the Board will vote for the Chair and nominees that were not elected for Chair will be added to the list of Vice Chair nominees. New officers will be announced at the January Board meeting.

General Public Input

Kathy Sellars announced that on January 19 at 9:00 p.m. KCTS television is airing "The Ties That Bind" documentary followed by the "Beyond The Ties That Bind" at 10:00 p.m. The award-winning documentary filmmaker, John Ritchie, takes a first-hand look at a family's struggle to let go, when every instinct compels them to hang on. The result is an extraordinarily intimate film that reveals the complexity around one young man's transition toward a more independent life. The award-winning KCTS moderator, Enrique Cerna, continues the discussion with film participants, family members, individuals with disabilities and others from Washington state and British Columbia in "Beyond The Ties That Bind." For more information, visit LifeSPAN's website at www.lifespan-wa.org.

Margaret-Lee Thompson thanked everyone that attended the 16th annual Legislative Forum on November 21. There were 540 individuals in attendance that included former state Senator Dino Rossi, 29 State Legislators (four were legislative assistants), 5 out of the 6 Congressional offices, United States Congressman Dave Reichert, Kari Burrell from the Governor's office, Ed Holen from the Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council and the King County Superior Court Commissioner, Carlos Velategui. This year the program was broadcasted on TVW to include a broader viewing audience. You may view photos as well as listen to the forum in its entirety via Windows Media Player or RealPlayer by visiting the links at the King County Parent Coalition webpage at www.arcofkingcounty.org/kcpc.

Emily Rogers, The Arc of King County announced that she is starting a new job in Olympia in January 2006 and thanked everyone for their support in the Leadership Education Advocacy Partnership (LEAP) program.

Kevin Bernadt announced a **"SAVE THE DATE"** for the 2006 Disabilities Community Legislative Reception where individuals can share disability issues and concerns with their legislators. The reception is scheduled for January 18, 2006, from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Capitol Campus on the third floor of the Legislative Building.

Joanne Whitehead, The Arc of King County announced that they will be moving in January 2006. Their new facility is located at 233 Sixth Avenue North (off of Denny Way, three blocks from the Seattle Center) and their phone number will remain the same. Watch for news of their Open House.

Leo Finnegan reported that he attended a State Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) meeting where it was announced that Governor Christine Gregoire has formed a Long-Term Care Task Force to develop recommendations on public and private



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mechanisms for financing long-term care. Early indications are private pay and the potential options are to encourage long-term care insurance or reverse mortgages. The committee doesn't have any representation from the developmental disabilities (DD) community and Leo encourages anyone with an interest to join one of their subcommittees.

Leo shared another item of interest, which is the DDC and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) are producing a DVD to explain available services to the DD community by age group. The DVD may be available in the next few months.

Leo's last item was the discussion regarding self advocates and their great work. It is beginning to be a perception among the legislators that the self advocates represent the capability level of the DD community and they are beginning to question why they are funding certain programs when they don't seem appropriate for the people of that level. When you talk to your legislators let them know that within the DD community there is a very broad spectrum of capabilities from the high functioning to the severely challenged.

Presentation

Pam Blanton, King County Developmental Disabilities Division provided an update of the Family Support Community Service Grants. The grants are funded to promote community oriented projects that benefit families. The Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DSHS/DDD) and King County Developmental Disabilities Division (KCDDD) have the following priorities for the grants:

- Target communities of color
- Inclusion in typical community activities
- Information and referral
- Respite

Forty-Nine applications were submitted with funding requests exceeding \$540,000 regrettably there is only \$200,000 of available funding. The contract period begins February 1, 2006. Once the appeal process is completed the new programs will be posted on the website.

Reports

Planning Committee

Ulla Blichfeldt-Fox announced that the Housing Committee will become a workgroup under the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee requested that the Housing Workgroup provide a resource guide related to available housing options with descriptions and contact information as well as revisiting the Housing Plan. The Planning



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Committee's need for more information led to a request for a half day or one day seminar twice a year to orient the Board of housing issues. The Housing Workgroup meets quarterly and the next meeting is scheduled in January 2006. Ray Jensen requested that a couple of Board members attend the quarterly meetings.

Regional Administrator / Field Services Report

Jan Blackburn on behalf of Marybeth Poch provided the following updates:

- Working with the County and Providers to assist high school graduates in finding employment programs.
- Closer to implementation of the family support pilot that the legislature appropriated this year.
- No-pay services client to case manager ratio is 500:1 for individuals who don't receive paid services. Region 4 is finding that potentially a third of those individuals are categorically needed under Medicaid and therefore maybe eligible for Medicaid Personal Care and reducing the no-pay services caseload.
- The DDD comprehensive assessment that assess the greater needs of people, appropriated two years ago by the legislature, now has an official name: DDD Assessment

King County Division Director's Report

Ray Jensen announced that contracts will be received next week and he is requesting that they be returned by December 31.

Next Meetings:

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 4, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. at Region 4 in the Large Conference Room.

The next King County Interagency Coordinating (KCICC) Meeting is scheduled for January 9 from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at WorkSource Renton located at 919 SW Grady Way, Suite 125, Room "F."

The next Employment Committee Meeting is scheduled for January 17 from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. at Region 4, located at 1700 E. Cherry Street, 2nd Floor, Large Conference Room.

The Housing Workgroup is scheduled to meet at Region 4, located at 1700 E. Cherry Street on January 17 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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